



FORESTRY CONTEST



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MARK YOUR CALENDARS!

Thursday, May 12
Farragut State Park
Scott Group Camp
Athol, Idaho

Private Vehicles entering State Parks are required to have a vehicle pass.
<https://parksandrecreation.idaho.gov/idaho-state-parks-passport/>

PRE-REGISTRATION FORM DUE BY APRIL 15TH!

Registration questions: Sarah Garcia bonnerswcd@gmail.com
Volunteer Questions: Hailey Frank hfrank@idl.idaho.gov
Job Fair Questions: Ken Homik khomik@idl.idaho.gov

The Idaho State Forestry Contest would not be possible without our generous sponsors! If you or your organization would like to help support this important educational event please reach out to Sarah Garcia.

Draft Forestry Contest Schedule

- ♦ 7am—8am Coaches call in final attendance to Sarah @ 208.699.3241 (exact number of teams and exact number of individuals in each Division: Rookie, Junior, or Senior).
- ♦ 7:30—8:30 Final Registration at the Contest for all categories. Coaches will receive brochures and labels for all their contestants.
- ♦ 8:30 Announcements Group Picture
- ♦ 8:45 Color/Group Breakouts
- ♦ 9:00 Competitors walk to course
- ♦ 11:35 Rookie Contest Ends
- ♦ Job Fair Booths open
- ♦ 11:40 Rookie Lunch
- ♦ 12:25 Juniors & Seniors Contest Ends
- ♦ 12:30 Juniors & Seniors Lunch
- ♦ 12:55 Awards Presentation
- ♦ 2:00 Contestants Depart by 2pm

CONTEST PREP:

WHAT TO BRING TO THE CONTEST:

To prepare for the contest, study the Forestry Contest Manual, Idaho Panhandle Noxious Weeds Handbook, Logging Selectively, and Field Guide to Forest Plants of Northern Idaho excerpts now posted online at www.idl.idaho.gov/forestry/contest/ and www.bonnerswcd.org - under Youth Programs – Forestry Contest.
Contact: Sarah Garcia, bonnerswcd@gmail.com or 208.263.5310X100 for questions about registration.
Contact Ken Homik, khomik@idl.idaho.gov or 208.267.5577 to schedule free classroom or outdoor coaching assistance.

Back Pack
Sunscreen
Water Bottle & Snack

Sharpened Pencils
Insect Repellent
Rain Gear & Hat

- Clipboard (or stiff cardboard & rubber bands)
 - Clear acetate sheet (optional, to cover the clipboard & tests if it is raining)
- DON'T wear flip flops or sandals! Long pants & long-sleeved shirts are recommended.**

Honorary Chairmen — Sean Hammond & Clay Young

Honorary Chairman is a title given those that have contributed to the success of the Idaho State Forestry Contest. It's our way of saying thank you for your participation as a student, volunteer, and/or coach. The Forestry Contest is proud to honor Sean Hammond and Clay Young as our 2022 Honorary Co-chairman. These two long time friends, have contributed in all three of these categories.

As a Post Falls student, Sean enthusiastically joined and helped lead the Post Falls Middle and High school forestry teams to establish a winning tradition at the Idaho State Forestry Contest from 1985-1991. While in high school, he began saving for college by working in the woods. He continued improving his logging skills working during summers as he completed his university studies at the University of Montana, graduating in 1998 with a degree in Forestry. While still logging in Montana, he met and married his wife Virginia, later moving his family, now with two sons, Evertt and Nathan, to their tree farm near Spirit Lake, Idaho in 2003. Sean then started his Hammond Logging outfit before being hired as a forester for Inland Empire Paper Company. He is also a member of the Idaho Forest Owners Association, and is a past president of the Idaho Tree Farm Committee.

Clay's background was highlighted by a philosophy of hard work that his carpenter father engendered in his family. He always expressed interest in working and operating machinery. His 7th grade forestry coach remembers Clay asking on the first day of practice, "Do we get to operate bulldozers?" He was instrumental in the success of the Junior and Senior High forestry teams leading them to many contest trophies. After graduating he began his career first in logging for various firms, then becoming a field technician for Western States Equipment out of Hayden Lake. He currently holds the title of Forestry Equipment Sales Technician overseeing the sale and instruction of use for heavy logging equipment. With his wife Deanna and daughters, Lauren and Autumn, all participate in the Idaho 4-H program.

Throughout all these years, Sean and Clay never forgot their fondness of forestry skill education. They have both continued to help their former teachers in the training of students from Post Falls and volunteering at the Idaho State Forestry Contest. This activism has gone on now for over 20 years. This lifelong friendship has now included helping lead a team of students comprised of kids from Whistle Stop 4-H, which is achieving success at the contest. The Contest Committee thanks Sean and Clay for their continued role in support of forest education of our state's youth.

Thank you, Sean and Clay, for your huge role in educating Idaho youth about Idaho forest resources and the opportunities they have to learn about, enjoy, use, protect and manage these valuable resources for the future!